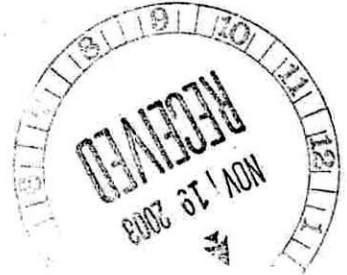


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RE: STB Finance Docket No. 34075 - Environmental Comments
*Six County Association of Governments - Construction and Operation Exemption
Rail Line between Levan and Salina, Utah*

Dear Mrs. Johnson-Ball:

I live in Gunnison, Utah, but commute every day to Richfield, Utah for my job. It is my understanding that the Surface Transportation Board is conducting an environmental review for the proposed construction of this new rail line. I am writing to express my support for this project.

Because I deal with the coal truck traffic every day, I realize how this project could have a positive effect as far as significantly decreasing the number of trucks that would have to travel the roads in this area. To me, this would be a real safety issue, not to mention the benefit of having less wear and tear on these roads. Hopefully this project would also induce better business and industry to relocate, thereby increasing the number of jobs available in this area.

I understand that the Six County Association of Governments has researched and reached out to the communities in the area to find the best possible alignment for this rail line. I appreciate their efforts and concur with them on this route.

I really hope that the Board will complete their environmental review and make a final decision as quickly as possible so that this project can move forward.

Sincerely,

Steve Gossard

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Gossard', written over the printed name.